Today's Service

Cultivating connection with self, others, the wide world, and God

Feel free to use pronouns of your choice for all songs and prayers

Chimes

Gathering Statement

We gather today to connect with the Divine, with ourselves, with each other, and with the Oneness of all Creation. We gather because inclusive community–built around the teachings of Jesus, shared stories, and rituals–inspires us to pursue justice and live out our values.

OPENING SONG: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.
Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand has provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
[Refrain]
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.
[Refrain]

Sarum Prayer

God be in my head
and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes
and in my looking;
God be in my mouth
and in my speaking;
God be in my heart
and in my thinking;
God be at my end
and at my departing

A Reading from Hebrews 12:1-2

Those who have gone before us now surround us as a great cloud of witnesses. They cheer us on as we run the race set before us. So let us throw off anything that slows us down or gets in our way. And let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of God in Heaven. This is our great hope.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Susan, Rhonda, Ida, Faye, Emma, Erin, Barry, Diane, Katie, Dan, Ben, Josh, Abby, Tim, Kristy, Dark Angel, Joseph, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, George, Laura, Haevyn, Mindy, Calob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Bishop Lesley Jones, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, immigrants, the Ypsilanti Youth Choir and those we lift up in silence.

WE REMEMBER

Samuel Brown, Ryan Gainer, Jordan Neely, Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Sean Monterrosa, Tyre Nichols, Jaida Peterson, Ruben Martinez, Remy Fennell, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

CONFESSION:

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are sorry and we repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

COMMUNION:

Call and Response

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin_dom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin_dom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

Shared Communion Meal: We take communion to remember the story of Jesus and the radical love He embodied. We do this each Sunday to nourish our spirits and to symbolize becoming the Beloved Community God calls us to be.

COMMUNION SONG: What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One With God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ
What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?
What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names
What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

CLOSING SONG: Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken
Chorus-
'Cause my fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
Shame no longer has a place to hide
And I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken
[Chorus
Bridge-
There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name, power in Your name
[Chorus]

Benediction

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